

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 296267

21
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 (ISO) R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARN:MDRAPER:MAR

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

NEA:ALATHERTONJR.

S/S:AWOTTO

----- 006093

O 050507Z DEC 76 ZFF6

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 296267

NODIS
FOR CHARGE FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, LE, SY, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH SARKIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT THE SOUTHERN LEBANON
SITUATION:

-- WE HAVE CONVEYED TO THE ISRAELIS SARKIS' VIEWS ABOUT
ASSERTING CONTROL IN TYRE AND NABITIYAH AREAS OF SOUTHERN
LEBANON, AS EXPRESSED IN HIS CONVERSATION OF NOVEMBER 29
WITH YOU. WE INCORPORATED FULLY IN OUR PRESENTATION TO THE
ISRAELIS THE REASONS SARKIS HAD GIVEN FOR WISHING TO FOLLOW
THE COURSE HE HAD PROPOSED. WE STRESSED TO THE
ISRAELIS THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE SARKIS ATTACHED TO
OCCUPYING TYRE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT FAILURE TO DO
SO, IN HIS OPINION, MIGHT RISK THE COLLAPSE OF HIS WHOLE
PACIFICATION PLAN.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 296267

-- THE ISRAELIS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR
OPPOSITION TO THE ENTRY INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON OF ANY NON-
LEBANESE MILITARY FORCES, EVEN ON THE LIMITED SCALE DESIRED
BY SARKIS. ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT THE

ISRAELIS OBJECT MOST STRONGLY TO THE ENTRY OF SYRIAN
FORCES BELONGING TO THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE, THEY HAVE
SAID TO US THAT THEY ARE OPPOSED TO ANY NON-LEBANESE,
INTER-ARAB FORCE IN THE AREA.

-- WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO GO BACK TO THE
ISRAELIS WITH ANYTHING FURTHER SARKIS CARES TO TELL US
ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS THE ISRAELI POSITION WILL
CAUSE HIM. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER EXPLANATION HE
MIGHT GIVE AND WHICH WE COULD PASS ON TO THE ISRAELIS AS
TO THE RELATION OF THE TIMING OF MOVES INTO THE SOUTH WITH
PACIFICATION OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE
COUNTRY, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR GAINING CONTROL OF THE
HEAVY WEAPONRY POSSESSED BY THE VARIOUS FACTIONS.

-- WHILE WE DO NOT SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISRAELI
REASONING, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE REAL TO
THEM. THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR CONTACTS WITH THE
ISRAELIS IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THE
SECURITY PROBLEM IN THE SOUTH. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE
RESTRAINT UPON THEM. WE WOULD BE LESS THAN CANDID, HOW-
EVER, IF WE FAILED TO POINT OUT TO SARKIS THAT WE CANNOT
HOLD OUT ANY HOPE OF AN EARLY CHANGE IN THE ISRAELI VIEW-
POINT, AND THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A CHANGE WE WOULD
HAVE TO ASSUME THAT SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE
FORCE CONTINUES TO BRING RISK OF DESTABILIZATION. WE
HOPE THERE WILL BE NO SUDDEN MOVES OR SURPRISES.

2. IF YOU CAN, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THIS
DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SYRIANS HAVE OFFERED
HIM ANY ADVICE ABOUT THE SOUTHERN LEBANON SITUATION.
INFORMATION ON PROGRESS BEING MADE IN PACIFYING THE COUNTRY
ELSEWHERE AND THE NATURE OF THE PALESTINIAN ACTIVITIES
AND CONCENTRATIONS IN TYRE WOULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TROOP DEPLOYMENT, BRIEFING MATERIALS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES, MILITARY OCCUPIED AREAS, CA T-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE296267
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MDRAPER:MAR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: P840104-1874
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761271/aaaaciym.tel
Line Count: 99
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 JUN 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <07 OCT 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTHERN LEBANON
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, US, LE, IS, SY, (SARKIS, ELIAS)
To: BEIRUT DAMASCUS TEL AVIV
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006